who resorted to the Ayurvedic Hospital, only six met with their death itself, is a glowing tribute to the way in which things are being done in that Department.

Sir, I believe that the days of the old Ayurveda Vaidyasalas when one jar of oil with four labels serves as four different oils are now over, and the present day Vaidyasalas are much better than the old institutions. They have full stock of the necessary medicines and those who did not possess them have been pulled up in time. I may also say for the diligence of the Director that he has spared no pains to travel throughout the length and breadth of the country. Although I am not a Vaidyan, he has paid a surprising visit to me and the Vaidyasala of my locality. Perhaps, he is not as stern and cruel a task master as many of us would wish him to be. Perhaps he may be relying too much in the administrative side on the advice of the gentlemen in the Department. But then, these things can be said of most of the Departments and whatever failings the Director may have had on that side, it must have been foreseen by the Government themselves. In the case of such a man with great personal rectitude and position as the present Director, who is also entitled to say the last word on Ayurveda if the last word could be said on any science, one can easily see that whatever failings he may have on the other side, they could be rectified, and the man and his personality cannot be easily replaced.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Fully recognising the efficiency of the Director of Ayurveda as a physician, I support the motion before the House merely for the purpose of pointing out to the Government that many Vaidyasalas which deserve to get grants do not get them. For instance, I shall refer to two Vaidyasalas at Haripad. One of them is a *Visha Vaidyasala*. The physician there is a very efficient man. He is a *Visha Vaidya Visarath* belonging to one of the backward communities. Sir, it is about ten or fifteen years since recognition was given to this Vaidyasala and since that time the public of that locality have been approaching Government with requests for giving grant to this Vaidyasala. It is personally known to me that this institution is of immense use to the people of Karthikapally. According to the time honoured custom in our country, the *Visha Vaidyan* is not receiving any remuneration for his treatment. I hope that Government will do the needful in the matter

Next, I have to bring to the notice of the Government and the Department the case of a *Marma Vaidyasala* at Haripad. There are only about two or three recognised *Marma Vaidyasalas* in Central and North Travancore. I understand that only the *Marma Vaidyasalas* in South Travancore are given grants. In this case also people have approached the Government and the Department, and I am sorry to observe that the Government have not as yet given any grant to this institution. I hope that the Government will do the needful in this case also.

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MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: I also support the motion. A liberal treatment ought to be meted out to the *Sidha Vaidyasalas*. So far as the Director is concerned, his efficiency in his profession *viz.* "Ayurveda system" cannot be denied. He is a master of his profession, but, that is in Ayurveda and not in *Sidha Vaidyam*. What *Sidha Vaidyam* is, has been illustrated the other day by my friend Mr. Francis who said that a single leaf is capable of curing very many ailments. Juice of a leaf is an effective cure for snake bites. Simple treatments like these come under the *Sidha Vaidyam*. At present this branch of Native Medicine is neglected. A reference to the Administration Report of the Department will show that grants to the *Sidha Vaidyans* are only very rare. That is probably because most of the people who administer the Department are Ayurveda physicians having no experience in Siddha system. So, I would support this motion by making this appeal that due encouragement should be given to the *Sidha Vaidyans* also just like Ayurveda Vaidyans.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ആയുർവേദ ഡയറക്ടർ അപ്രാപ്തനാണെന്നോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണം അലങ്കോലമാണെന്നോ പറയാനല്ല ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നത്. അദ്ദേഹം പ്രാപ്തനായാലും കൊള്ളാം, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കീഴിലുള്ളവർ അദ്ദേഹത്തെക്കാൾ പ്രാപ്തന്മാരായാലും കൊള്ളാം, ഇവിടെ കൊച്ചിക്കാലത്തിനു മുമ്പുള്ളതിനെക്കാൾ ശമ്പളച്ചെലവു് വർദ്ധിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നല്ലാതെ പത്തു കൊല്ലത്തിനു മുമ്പുണ്ടായിരുന്ന കാര്യക്ഷമതയിൽ അര ഇഞ്ചുപോലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മുമ്പോട്ടുപോയിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഞാൻ ഏറ്റവും നിർബന്ധിതനായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടർ, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രാപ്തി, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വൈദഗ്ദ്ധ്യം, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പാരമ്പര്യം ഇതെല്ലാം വച്ചു നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ഇതിനെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ശമ്പളത്തിന് അർഹനാണെന്നു വേണമെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കാം. മി: ശങ്കരമേനവന്റെ കാലത്തു് ൨൫൦-രൂപായും ൨൦൦-രൂപായും ശമ്പളത്തിൽ രണ്ടു് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ യാതൊരു കുഴപ്പവും കൂടാതെ ഭരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുപോയ ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ ഇന്നു ൩൦൦-രൂപാ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിനും, ൨൫൦ രൂപാ അഡ്വൈസിനും, ൨൦൨൦ രൂപാ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിനും ൨൦൨൫-രൂപാ പേഴ്സനൽ അസിസ്റ്റന്റിന്റെ ശമ്പളത്തിനുമായി ഇപ്പോൾ ചെലവുചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് മുമ്പിലത്തെക്കാൾ എന്തെങ്കിലും കൂടുതൽ പ്രയോജനമുണ്ടോ എന്നു ഞാൻ സഗൗരവം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടർ എന്തെല്ലാം കാരണങ്ങളാ

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